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In re application of:

Aronson et al.

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The enclosed Amendment is in response to the Office  
Action dated July 31, 2002, for the above identified patent  
application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Marked up versions of all revised claims, showing  
insertions and deletions, are included in Appendix A.

Rewrite the pending claims and add new claims, as follows:

1. (Amended) Laser apparatus for generating laser light to  
be transmitted through an optical transmission system,  
comprising:

a laser that emits light that is substantially linearly  
polarized; and

a quarter wave retarder plate, disposed with respect to  
the laser so that the emitted laser light passes through the  
quarter wave retarder plate prior to transmission of the  
emitted laser light through the optical transmission system,  
the quarter wave retarder plate causing the emitted laser

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